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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Deputy Director (Administration)

SUBJECT : Area-Language Programs Conducted by the Office of Training.

REFERENCE : Staff Study, 27 August 1952, from the Director of Training to the Director of Central Intelligence, subject as above.

1. In accordance with your verbal request, a review was made in the office of the Deputy Director of Training (General) of the reference staff study and various related papers. In addition, the matter was discussed with [redacted]

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2. Based on this review, the following comments are submitted:

a. In connection with budget consideration, question has been raised regarding the propriety and value of certain area-language training being conducted by non-CIA training facilities overseas, as well as the authority of the Director of Training to approve and conduct such training.

b. It is believed that the Statement of Mission and Functions of the Director of Training, as contained in CIA Regulation [redacted] (copy attached as Exhibit "A"), includes the authority, in general terms, to conduct this as well as any other needed Agency training, unless it should be specifically prohibited otherwise.

c. Further, CIA Regulation [redacted] dated 21 February 1952 (copy attached as Exhibit "B"), subject: "Non-CIA Training Facilities Under Public Law 110", specifically directs that

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"Final approval for training under this authority will be given by the Director of Training after consideration of recommendations of Office heads and determination that such training will benefit the Agency through increasing employee capability and qualifications for performing present or later assigned duties",

and further, that "non-CIA training facilities" will include, among others, the following:

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- (1) Domestic and foreign public and private institutions.
- (2) Appropriate programs under Government activities.

d. It appears from the foregoing that there is no question of the authority of the Director of Training to conduct such training activities.

e. It is recognized that CIA Regulation [] needs clarification in certain respects. Also, it is conceivable that in any revision of the Regulation the DCI might desire to specifically limit the authority of the Director of Training in some regard. However, in neither case, is it believed that a desired elaboration or restriction of the mission and functions of the Office of Training should be effected by obtaining the DCI's signature to a statement of mission and objectives attached to the referenced study.

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f. Paragraph 5 of the referenced study requests the DCI's approval in writing to "the development and conduct by the Director of Training of area language programs to meet continuing requirements of the Agency."

As stated above, the Director of Training already has this general authority. However, in view of the special nature and place of conduct of the training in question, as well as its very considerable cost, it is believed that the DCI should certainly be made aware of the fact that training of the category exemplified in Tab "A" to the referenced study (Summary of Area-Language Programs Conducted by the Office of Training) has been and is being conducted by the Office of Training.

Perhaps it should be noted here that the draft of [] 16 April 1951, which preceded the [] carried the concurring signatures of Mr. Malone and Mr. Saunders, and the approving signature of General Smith. In this edition of [], "non-CIA training facilities" included the same categories as at present (see Exhibit "B!")

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g. Although it has been established that the Director of Training is authorized to make the final decision regarding the propriety and value of such proposed training, it would seem, nevertheless, that in order to support budget provision for future programs of this sort and a continuation of such

existing programs, a more detailed and exhaustive justification than that included in the referenced papers would be required.

3. The referenced papers are not attached since no copies are available.



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